

New St. Mary's Church
Burlington, Burlington County, New Jersey

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New St. Mary's
Burlington, Burlington County, New Jersey

Owner: The Rector, Wardens and Vestry of New St. Mary's

Date of Erection: 1846-1854

Architect: Richard Upjohn

Builder:

Present Condition: Excellent

Number of Stories: One with tower

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone

Exterior walls - stone

Interior walls - plaster
with open trusses

Roof - pitch

Historical Data:

The plans for a new church were presented on September 25, 1846. On November 17 of the same year, the cornerstone was laid by Bishop Doane. The church was consecrated by him on August 10, 1854. The architect was Richard Upjohn of New York. In the Episcopal Address for 1855 Bishop Doane has the following to say about the building:

"I shall undertake no description of the building. You have seen it. It speaks for itself. It is, I believe, the first instance in this country, of a cruciform church, with a central tower and spire; all of which is of stone. It does honour to the eminent architect, Mr. Richard Upjohn."

Since the erection of the church a set of bells had been installed. They were received in 1866 from England and were the gift of the Misses M'Ilvaine of Burlington.

The church stands on land willed by the will of Paul Watkinson, who was parish clerk from 1707 to 1752. He left property worth one hundred pounds which after the death of his widow was to be given to St. Anne's (older name) to repair the church forever.

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